

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-3, 7, 8, 31-37, and 39 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-3. (Cancel)

4. (Currently Amended) Interior design device ~~pursuant to Claim 3~~, for a vehicle, especially a motor vehicle having a vehicle wall, which can be installed in the interior of the vehicle, with a lining section, a fastening section for attaching the lining section to the vehicle wall, and a hook element protruding into the interior, especially a coat hook,

wherein the fastening section and the hook element are connected with each other via a bridge,

wherein the fastening section can be attached to the vehicle wall with the hook element resting against an interior surface of the lining section facing the interior,

wherein the fastening section is configured to be installed between the lining section and the vehicle wall, wherein the bridge extends beyond a peripheral edge of the lining section,

wherein the fastening section and the hook element are placed on top of the peripheral edge,

wherein the fastening section contains an opening through which a first connector extends, which first connector holds the fastening section against the vehicle wall,

wherein a screen is provided which covers at least the first connector,

wherein this screen is attached via a fastening device, preferably in a snap-fit fashion, to the fastening section or the hook element or the bridge,

wherein the fastening [device] section comprises at least one extension extending in a direction of the interior, and

wherein a snap-fit protrusion is incorporated on said extension behind which a snap-fit extension provided on the screen engages.

5. (Original) Interior design device pursuant to Claim 4, wherein two of said extensions are provided that are installed at a distance from each other and thus form a through-space for an actuating tool for the first connector, and

wherein an opening for the first connector is installed behind the through-space.

6. (Currently Amended) Interior design device ~~pursuant to Claim 1~~, for a vehicle, especially a motor vehicle having a vehicle wall, which can be installed in the interior of the vehicle, with a lining section, a fastening section for attaching the lining section to the vehicle wall, and a hook element protruding into the interior, especially a coat hook,

wherein the fastening section and the hook element are connected with each other via a bridge,

wherein the fastening section can be attached to the vehicle wall with the hook element resting against an interior surface of the lining section facing the interior,

wherein the fastening section is configured to be installed between the lining section and the vehicle wall, wherein the bridge extends beyond a peripheral edge of the lining section, and

wherein the hook element comprises a base plate which rests against the interior surface of the lining section and supports a hook.

7-8. (Cancel)

9. (Original) Interior design device pursuant to Claim 4, wherein the hook element comprises a base plate which rests against the interior surface of the lining section and supports a hook.

10. (Original) Interior design device pursuant to Claim 5, wherein the hook element comprises a base plate which rests against the interior surface of the lining section and supports a hook.

11. (Currently Amended) Interior design device pursuant to ~~Claim 8~~ Claim 21, wherein the screen covers the base plate and contains a perforation for the hook.

12. (Original) Interior design device pursuant to Claim 9, wherein the screen covers the base plate and contains a perforation for the hook.

13. (Original) Interior design device pursuant to Claim 10, wherein the screen covers the base plate and contains a perforation for the hook.

14. (Original) Interior design device pursuant to Claim 6, wherein the lining section and the base plate are connected to each other by a second connector.

15. (Original) Interior design device pursuant to Claim 11, wherein the lining section and the base plate are connected to each other by a second connector.

16. (Original) Interior design device pursuant to Claim 12, wherein the lining section and the base plate are connected to each other by a second connector.

17. (Original) Interior design device pursuant to Claim 13, wherein the lining section and the base plate are connected to each other by a second connector.

18. (Original) Interior design device pursuant to Claim 14, wherein the second

connector extends through the lining section from an exterior surface of the lining section facing away from the interior and is attached to the base plate.

19. (Original) Interior design device pursuant to Claim 15, wherein the second connector extends through the lining section from an exterior surface of the lining section facing away from the interior and is attached to the base plate.

20. (Original) Interior design device pursuant to Claim 16, wherein the second connector extends through the lining section from an exterior surface of the lining section facing away from the interior and is attached to the base plate.

21. (Original) Interior design device pursuant to Claim 17, wherein the second connector extends through the lining section from an exterior surface of the lining section facing away from the interior and is attached to the base plate.

22. (Original) Interior design device pursuant to Claim 5, wherein the fastening section is designed as a cuboid hollow block, beyond which – protruding its contour – the extension(s) and a wall area containing the opening for the first connector protrude.

23. (Original) Interior design device pursuant to Claim 10, wherein the fastening section is designed as a cuboid hollow block, beyond which – protruding its contour – the extension(s) and a wall area containing the opening for the first connector protrude.

24. (Original) Interior design device pursuant to Claim 13, wherein the fastening section is designed as a cuboid hollow block, beyond which – protruding its contour – the extension(s) and a wall area containing the opening for the first connector protrude.

25. (Currently Amended) Interior design device pursuant to ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 9, wherein the bridge, the hook element and the fastening section are produced as one piece.

26. (Currently Amended) Interior design device ~~pursuant to Claim 3~~, for a vehicle, especially a motor vehicle having a vehicle wall, which can be installed in the interior of the vehicle, with a lining section, a fastening section for attaching the lining section to the vehicle wall, and a hook element protruding into the interior, especially a coat hook,

wherein the fastening section and the hook element are connected with each other via a bridge,

wherein the fastening section can be attached to the vehicle wall and the hook element rests against an interior surface of the lining section facing the interior,

wherein the fastening section is configured to be installed between the lining section and the vehicle wall, wherein the bridge extends beyond a peripheral edge of the lining section,

wherein the fastening section and the hook element are placed on top of the peripheral edge,

wherein a screen is provided which covers at least the first connector,

wherein this screen is attached via a fastening device, preferably in a snap-fit fashion, to the fastening section or the hook element or the bridge, and

wherein the bridge, the hook element and the fastening section are produced as one piece.

27. (Original) Interior design device pursuant to Claim 4, wherein the bridge, the hook element and the fastening section are produced as one piece.

28. (Original) Interior design device pursuant to Claim 5, wherein the bridge, the hook element and the fastening section are produced as one piece.

29. (Original) Interior design device pursuant to Claim 6, wherein the bridge, the hook element and the fastening section are produced as one piece.

30. (Original) Interior design device pursuant to Claim 21, wherein the bridge, the hook element and the fastening section are produced as one piece.

31-37. (Cancel)

38. (Currently Amended) An assembly ~~according to Claim 37~~, comprising:

an exterior vehicle body wall,

a lining spaced from the body wall and facing a vehicle interior passenger space,

a one piece member containing a clothes hook element which in use protrudes into the passenger space and a fastening section for fastening the one piece member to the vehicle wall and lining while maintaining said lining spaced from the vehicle wall, said fastening section being engageable from above over the top edge of said lining,

wherein the fastening section contains an opening through which a first connector extends, which first connector holds the fastening section against the vehicle wall,

wherein a screen is provided which covers at least the first connector,
and

wherein this screen is attached via a fastening device, preferably in a snap-fit fashion, to the fastening section or the hook element or ~~the~~ a bridge connecting the fastening section with the lock element.

39. (Cancel)

40. (New) Interior design device pursuant to Claim 6, wherein the fastening section contains an opening through which a first connector extends, which first connector holds the fastening section against the vehicle wall.

41. (New) Interior design device pursuant to Claim 40, wherein a screen is provided which covers at least the first connector,

wherein this screen is attached via a fastening device, preferably in a snap-fit position, to the fastening section or the hook element or the bridge.

42. (New) An assembly for a vehicle having a vehicle wall facing an interior vehicle space, comprising:

a lining section,

a clothing hook element which in use protrudes into the interior vehicle space,

a fastening device for supporting the hook element and for fastening the lining section to the vehicle wall while maintaining said lining section spaced from the vehicle wall,

when the fastening device contains an opening through which a first connector extends to hold the fastening device to the vehicle wall, and

wherein a screen is provided which covers at least the first connector and which is snap fittingly connected with the fastening device.

43. (New) An assembly according to Claim 42, wherein said fastening device is formed in one piece with the clothing hook element and is engageable over a peripheral edge of the lining section.

44. (New) An assembly according to Claim 42, wherein the clothing hook element is integrally formed with a base plate which in use rests against a vehicle interior facing surface of the lining section.

45. (New) An assembly according to Claim 42, wherein said fastening device includes a bridge section connected with the clothing hook element.

46. (New) An assembly according to Claim 45, wherein said fastening device, clothing hook element, and bridge section are integrally formed as one piece.

47. (New) An assembly for a vehicle having a vehicle wall facing an interior vehicle space, comprising:

a lining section,

a clothing hook element which in use protrudes into the interior vehicle space,

a fastening device for supporting the hook element and for fastening the lining section to the vehicle wall while maintaining said lining section spaced from the vehicle wall,

wherein the clothing hook element is integrally formed with a base plate which in use rests against a vehicle interior facing surface of the lining section.

48. (New) A method of making an assembly for a vehicle having a vehicle wall facing an interior vehicle space, comprising:

a lining section,

a clothing hook element which in use protrudes into the interior vehicle space,

a fastening device for supporting the hook element and for fastening the lining section to the vehicle wall while maintaining said lining section spaced from the vehicle wall,

wherein the fastening device contains an opening through which a first connector extends to hold the fastening device to the vehicle wall, and

wherein a screen is provided which covers at least the first connector and which is snap fittingly connected with the fastening device,

said method comprising forming the fastening device and clothing hook element as a one piece molded component.

49. (New) A method of making an assembly for a vehicle having a vehicle wall facing an interior vehicle space, comprising:

a lining section,

a clothing hook element which in use protrudes into the interior vehicle space,

a fastening device for supporting the hook element and for fastening the lining section to the vehicle wall while maintaining said lining section spaced from the vehicle wall,

wherein the clothing hook element is integrally formed with a base plate which in use rests against a vehicle interior facing surface of the lining section.

said method comprising forming the fastening device and clothing hook element as a one piece molded component.